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Dear Harold,

I very much enjoyed our phone conversation of a couple a weeks ago. As you may remember, I was one of Floyd's cohorts with STIIKA back in '76-'77. We met briefly when Floyd and I picked you up and took you to the King press conference set up by the Black Caucus. I can remember the strong french

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market coffee you brewed and your stories of military overflights scaring your chickens way back. I seem to remember that you were having some trouble with your legs, phlebitis or something. I'm glad to hear that Floyd is happy and content. I've often thought about him over the years. At one point while he was underground, he contacted me about a possible job for him in the Middle East. (I had been working overseas as a Civil Engineer since graduating Maryland

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in 1977). I am ashamed that I was so curt with him. Floyd is a complex character who, quite frankly, scared me a bit when he started spiraling downward in those years. Alot of courage to do what he did in coming back. I'm glad that you had a part in helping him. I know that Floyd always looked up to you.

I am also glad that you are doing well. As I told you, over the years every once in a while I would see your image on the screen or see your name in print and wonder

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just how you have fared. I would like to know what you have learned over the last decade and what inroads you may have made. I never did get your impression of the Select Committee's conclusion and whether you had any role in the investigation. Frankly Harold, I quickly became a neophyte on the matter. However, I did become quite disillusioned with the resistance and general ambivalence encountered. I personally became a paranoid conspiratorialist (the greatest danger, according to you) but was careful to keep that all within. I ended up traveling for about 5 ~~four~~ years working

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as an engineer in Israel, Saudi Arabia and the Dominican Republic before coming back to D.C. to law school. I now practice "Construction Law" at the above firm.

During law school I became disturbed about the Iran-Contra hearings. The good colonel's talk of "off-the shelf capabilities" and "ends justifying the means" really made me sick. However, I loved the scene where Senator Mitchell pointed his finger at North and told him that one could be a good American and patriot and still not support the Contras! You

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could sense in this seething hatred at having his face rubbed in that truism. I brought up Iran-Contra, Harold, because of the parallelism of the Reagan administration's fight-to-the-death over Nicaragua and the late '50s early '60s anti-Castro fanaticism that gripped some elements of our nation. Indeed, the "Christic Institute" has attempted to bridge the decades with their lawsuits against these "shadow government". These people may be "kooks" Harold but a lot of dirty business has gone on in Central & South America in a blind attempt to halt the "Red Scourge". And

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of course it all leads back to Cuba... doesn't it?

Good God I have been rambling. This was to have been a short letter passing on to you a copy of the "Press Packet" put out by the JFK Center in Dallas on Lisby White. You probably already have this material. Larry Howard claims that more material exists but hasn't been released. You voiced some solid criticisms about this story. Could you please outline them for me? Enclosed is a check for

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$80.00 that should cover for "Whitewash" & "Post Mortem". These can be sent to the above address attention: Steve Schassler.

Harold, if you get into town I'd like to take you to lunch. Also, if you need any help in town, legal or otherwise, please call me. (H) 519-3985. I tried to contact Fensterwald after our conversation but he was out of town. According to Larry Howard, Bud is behind the story. If the story is as full of holes as you say it is, these people should be put on track fast.

Take care,

Steve